



Mite-Away II™ for Control of Varroa and Tracheal Mite

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has approved use of Mite-Away II™ Single Application Formic Acid Pad (48.4% formic acid) for treatment of honey bees infested with varroa and tracheal mites. If you would like more information please contact the Apiary Program at (608) 224-4572.

To effectively control mites and to protect your bees and honey, it is vital that you follow these instructions. Read the label directions before applying this product. Follow all handling instructions!

USING Mite-Away II™ PADS	✓ Use only on brood chambers. Treat in spring or fall or both.
	✓ Do not apply while honey supers are on the hive. If treatment is conducted before honeyflow, allow at least two weeks between the end of treatment and the harvest of honey from the hive.
SIZE of hive	✓ Use for single or double-brood chamber, standard Langstroth honeybee hives, honeybee colony covering 6-20 frames.
TEMPERATURE	✓ Outside daytime temperature highs should be between 50 -79°F at the time of application.
	✓ Remove pads from the hives in the event of a heat wave (if daily temperatures exceed 82°F) within the first seven days of treatment. Resume treatment by replacing the pads in the hive after the end of the heat wave. Do not use if temperature exceeds 82°F during the application period.
NOTE:	✓ Brood mortality may occur up to 14 days during the initial stage of use. Single brood-chamber hives are more susceptible to damage than double brood-chamber hives. May kill weak hives (<6 frames of bees).
PLACEMENT OF PADS	✓ Remove the Mite-Away II from outer pouch. Do not remove the pad from the inner perforated pouch.
	✓ Place one Mite-Away II with holes down on two 4 inch x 1/2 inch x 1/2 inch spacer sticks (not provided), placed 4 inches apart on the frame top bars.
	✓ Place a 1 1/2 inch rim on the top box to accommodate the pad, the spacer sticks, and an additional 0.5 inch space between the pad and inner cover.
	✓ Seal all holes except front entrance. Remove entrance reducer.
	✓ Close screened bottom board
HANDLING Mite-Away II™	✓ Leave Mite-Away II pad in place for 21 days.
	✓ Follow all label directions for personal protective equipment (PPE).
PADS	✓ Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, away from sulphuric acid, oxidizing agents and sources of ignition. Do not place on metallic hive covers.
DISPOSING OF Mite-Away II™ PADS	✓ Use caution when opening the container, especially in warm weather. Open outdoors and stay upwind, away from fumes.
	✓ Ventilate perforated pouches containing used pads on site, protected from precipitation for two weeks prior to disposal.
	✓ Dispose used pads as non-hazardous material, in landfill or by incineration, or, if allowed, by State and local authorities, by burning. Stay out of smoke.

Protect your bees and the beekeeping industry! Always follow label directions carefully. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will closely monitor use of Mite-Away II™ and enforce regulations governing their use.